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1. WE HAVE BEEN IN COMMUNICATION WITH MR. HARRY D. WILLIAMS, WASHINGTON COUNSEL OF ASHLAND OIL, WHO SEES NO REPEAT NO OBJECTION TO EMBASSY FORWARDING TO APPROPRIATE EXTAFF OFFICIALS THE SUMMARY (ENCLOSED WITH REFAIR) WHICH ANSWERS, AT LEAST IN PART, QUESTIONS RELATED TO OSWEGO STEAM STATION, SIZE OF POSSIBLE DEEP WATER PORT (SUFFICIENT HANDLE VLCC TANKERS OF UP TO APPROXIMATELY 300,000 DWT) PIPELINE ROUTE, SIZE, AND VOLUME, ETC.

2. DEPARTMENT WISHES AVOID SERVING AS GO-BETWEEN ASHLAND AND CANADIAN AUTHORITIES AND UPON OUR ADVICE COMPANY WILL ARRANGE TO BRIEF EXTAFF OFFICIALS ABOUT PROJECT. WILLIAMS ADVISES JACK AUSTIN OF MINISTER MACDONALD'S STAFF HAS
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BEEN CANADIAN POINT OF CONTACT AND IS KNOWLEDGEABLE RE

DETAILS. FYI WE SENSE, HOWEVER, THAT ASHLAND'S PLANS
ARE NOW UNDERGOING REVIEW TO TAKE INTO ACCOUNT P.M.'S
SUGGESTION THAT A STUDY BE MADE OF POSSIBLE CONSTRUCTION
OF A PIPELINE TO SUPPLY CANADIAN CRUDE TO REFINERIES AT
MONTREAL. PART OF THE MARKET FOR THE ASHLAND PROJECT
WOULD BE MONTREAL REFINERIES. END FYI. RUSH

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